

CREATING A GOVERNMENT REVIEW

- 1) What was the name of America's first government?
- 2) How many branches did America's first government have?
- 3) What kind of branch(s) did it have?
- 4) Under the Articles, what did the federal government have the power to do?
- 5) Under the Articles, what did the federal government not have the power to do?
- 6) Under the Articles, how many votes did each state get in Congress?
- 7) Under the Articles, how many votes were needed to pass a law in Congress?
- 8) What event convinced many Americans that a change in government was needed?
- 9) In your own words, explain why Daniel Shays and other Massachusetts farmers were angry at the state of Massachusetts. _____

- 10) In your own words, explain how Shays' Rebellion lead to the Constitutional Convention.

- 11) A convention was held in the city of _____ for the purpose of revising the Articles.
- 12) How many delegates attended the convention?
- 13) What state did not send delegates to that convention?
- 14) Who was the oldest delegate at the Convention?
- 15) Who was unanimously selected as the president of the Convention?
- 16) At the Convention, what two plans emerged as replacements for the Articles?

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17) What plan was favored by large states?

18) What plan was favored by small states?

19) What compromise settled the disagreement over representation between large and small states?? _____ Describe how that compromise worked: _____

20) Who proposed the compromise mentioned in question 19?

21) What issue did northern and southern states argue over?

22) What compromise settled the disagreement between northern and southern states?

23) After the Constitution was signed, how many states needed to ratify it before it could go into effect?

24) What were people called who supported the constitution and the creation of a stronger federal government?

25) What were people called who opposed the constitution and feared the creation of a stronger federal government?

26) Many people who opposed the Constitution wanted a _____ to be added to it to protect their basic rights.

27) How did James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay try to convince people to support the Constitution? _____

28) What was the first state to ratify the Constitution?

29) What was the second state to ratify the Constitution?

30) Who is known as the father of the Constitution?

31) Why is that person known as the father of the Constitution?

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32) Draw a diagram of the national government under the Articles of Confederation. Hint: think of the weak Charlie Brown tree. Make sure to label what kind of branch or branches this tree has.

33) Draw a diagram of the national government under the Constitution. Hint: think big, strong oak tree with three distinct branches. Make sure to label what kind of branch or branches this tree has.